IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Robert J. DiStasio

Serial No.

Filed: Herewith

For: Removal Tool for Locking Nut, Bolt and Clip Systems and Assemblies

FIRST COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d) a new declaration for patent application is <u>not</u> necessary because the present case is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/850,273 filed May 7, 2001, now pending, which is a divisional patent application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/056,292, filed on April 7, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,264,411, and the present continuation patent application is filed by all the inventors named in the prior application and the specifications and drawings filed with the enclosed continuation application <u>do not contain new matter</u> and a copy of the executed declaration filed in the prior Application Serial No. 09/056,292 is submitted with the present continuation application.

The power of attorney granted in the prior Application Serial No. 09/056,292 is the same as the attorney representing the owner of the present continuation patent application. Copies of the assignment are also enclosed. Applicant's representative confirms that the small entity status is proper in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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